

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 12-18 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1-7 and 9 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A part for being arranged with a plurality of parts each identical to said part with the same attitude in parallel with a part moving direction on a guide for supplying the part to a predetermined position, wherein the plurality of identical parts include a preceding part preceding said part on the guide and a succeeding part, succeeding said part on the guide, said part comprising:

a plurality of abutment portions configured and positioned to push a plurality of receiving portions provided on the preceding part placed on the guide, while maintaining the attitude of the preceding part, wherein each of said abutment portions has a convex shape; and

a plurality of receiving portions to be pushed by a plurality of projections provided on the succeeding part placed on the guide,

the plurality of abutment portions and the plurality of receiving portions being provided in an area of said part different from an area of said part required to have dimensional precision.

2. (Currently Amended) A part ~~according to claim 1, for being arranged with a plurality of parts each identical to said part with the same attitude in parallel with a part moving direction on a guide for supplying the part to a predetermined position, wherein the plurality of identical~~

parts include a preceding part preceding said part on the guide and a succeeding part, succeeding said part on the guide, said part comprising:

a plurality of abutment portions configured and positioned to push a plurality of receiving portions provided on the preceding part placed on the guide, while maintaining the attitude of the preceding part; and

a plurality of receiving portions to be pushed by a plurality of projections provided on the succeeding part placed on the guide, wherein each of said receiving portions has a concave shape,

the plurality of abutment portions and the plurality of receiving portions being provided in an area of said part different from an area of said part required to have dimensional precision; and further comprising positioning restricting portions configured and positioned to restrict a position of said part on the guide with respect to a direction perpendicular to the part moving direction.

3. (Currently Amended) A part according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising positioning restricting portions configured and positioned to restrict a position of said part on the guide with respect to a direction perpendicular to the part moving direction wherein the length along the part moving direction from each of said plurality of abutment portions to a corresponding one of said plurality of receiving portions is substantially the same and is the largest of all lengths of said part along the part moving direction.

4. (Currently Amended) A part according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the length along the part moving direction from each of said plurality of abutment portions of said part to a corresponding one of said plurality of receiving portions of said part is substantially the same and is the largest of all lengths of said part along the part moving direction wherein the plurality of abutment portions abut the respective receiving portions to restrict the position of the preceding part relative to a direction perpendicular to the part moving direction.

5. (Currently Amended) A part according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the plurality of abutment portions abut the respective receiving portions provided on the preceding part to restrict the position of the preceding part relative to a direction perpendicular to the part moving direction wherein said plurality of abutment portions and said plurality of receiving portions are provided at both ends of said part across the center of the width of said part perpendicular to the part moving direction.

6. (Currently Amended) A part according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said plurality of abutment portions and said plurality of receiving portions are provided at both ends of said part across the center of the width of said part perpendicular to the part moving direction wherein each of said abutment portions has a convex shape.

7. (Currently Amended) A part according to claim 1 or 2, wherein each of said receiving portions has a concave shape.

8. (Previously Presented) A part according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said part supports an electrophotographic photosensitive member and comprises a process cartridge.

9. (Currently Amended) A part according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said part supports a bearing of a charging member and configured and positioned to support an electrophotographic photosensitive member and comprises a process cartridge.

10.(Previously Presented) A part according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said part supports a cleaning member and comprises a process cartridge.

11. (Previously Presented) A part according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said part contains toner and comprises a process cartridge.

12 - 18. (Canceled) .